

Klamath Indians Next to the Richest Tribe

The following concise and complete article on the Klamath Indian reservation was prepared by Agent W. B. Prosser, and is printed to give the reader of the Herald an accurate idea of the inhabitants of the reservation and the natural resources of the great territory.

The Klamath Indian reservation, lying in the central part of Klamath county, is bordered on the west by Upper Klamath Lake and Wood River and is on the direct route from

Klamath Falls to Crater Lake National Park. The reservation is 51 miles long and 45 miles wide, and contains over one and a quarter million acres, being about the size of the state of Delaware.

The greater portion of the soil is sandy loam with parts of volcanic ash, and is very fertile. The climate is beautiful and delightful. Owing to the altitude of 4,000 feet the heat of summer is not intense nor the cold of winter extreme. The winters are marked by abundant snowfall, insuring moisture for next season's crops. The chief products are cattle, horses, hay, grain and lumber.

Only the hardier vegetables can be grown. Owing to the summer frosts, good crops of grain are unusual, and fruits do not thrive.

The marsh lands and meadows yield abundant crops of wild hay of an unusually nutritious quality, while large springs and streams of the purest water are numerous. All conditions combine to make the reservation an ideal country for the production of beef cattle, and the Indians secure excellent results in this direction.

The reservation timber, the property of the tribe, covers an area of about 800,000 acres, and has been roughly estimated at 8,000,000,000 feet. It is of good quality, and is practically all pine. Stumpage is offered for sale from time to time to the highest bidder, with a minimum price stated. The Sprague River and the lower reaches of the Williamson River, which empty into Upper Lake, have recently been opened for logging purposes.

The Southern Pacific taps a large area of this timber, and it is of good quality and well located as to logging chances, exceptional opportunities are offered to lumbermen with limited capital, seeking new fields.

Land belonging to the estates of deceased Indians is offered for sale occasionally under the direction of the department of the interior. Specific information regarding these

sales may be secured from the superintendent of the Klamath Indian reservation, Klamath Agency, Oregon.

The Indians, who number 1,115, belong to the Klamath, Modoc and Paiute tribes. There are also a few Pitt Rivers, who were slaves, or the offsprings of slaves, captured in former years by the Klamaths.

The Indians are unusually intelligent and progressive. They speak English, dress in "citizen's" clothing, occupy modern dwellings and live in a civilized manner.

The government maintains a boarding school and five day schools for the children. Farmers and stockmen are employed to instruct and assist the men in farming and the care of stock; field matrons teach and help the housewives, and physicians attend the sick.

The Indians of the Klamath reservation are reckoned, next to the Osages of Oklahoma, potentially the wealthiest in the United States. Their wealth is estimated at \$25,000 for each man, woman and child.

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To date there have been 206 students enrolled, 78 of which are boys and 128 girls. The Freshmen class numbers almost seventy, while this year bids fair to see the largest graduating class in the history of the Klamath county high school, there being almost fifty possible candidates for diplomas.

At the last meeting of the executive council, Carl Newbury was appointed football manager. He is already busily engaged in getting the schedule of games completed. The complete schedule will be announced later.

Two new sewing machines have been added to the sewing department equipment. This makes eight machines in all. Forty-six girls are now enrolled in sewing. Later on in the year this department plans to have another exhibit of work such as was shown last year.

On last Tuesday evening the orchestra was organized for the school year. Twelve members were present and a most satisfactory rehearsal was enjoyed. The instrumentation at present consists of piano, three violins, two cornets, cello, two trombones, clarinet, flute and drums.

The high school chorus has also been organized. More than seventy girls have enrolled for this work.

During the present week the various classes will be organized and elect officers. When this is done all of the various organizations, and the special activities will have been put in running order for the year's work.

Debate this year will be in charge of a regular instructor, Mr. Bain. It is planned to stimulate interest as much as possible throughout this county in debate work, and schedule a number of debates with the surrounding towns. The Oregon Debating league has organized another district to be known as the tenth district. Mr. Bowman has been appointed director of this district. It is possible that Lakeview may be met in debate if satisfactory arrangements can be made. The public speaking class are hard at work, with debating as one object in view.

On Thursday of this week at the regular assembly hour, 9 o'clock, the September current event lecture will be given to the high school. These lectures are highly interesting, as well as instructive, and are always illustrated with a number of excellent stereopticon slides. This particular lecture reviews the important events

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of the summer, as well as those of the present and past month. Mr. Bain will deliver the lecture.

Rev. Rambo of the Christian church gave a very interesting talk to the high school last Thursday morning. His experience in India together with a Hindu legend formed the material from which he drew some fine thoughts.

This year the manual training class plans to do much of the cabinet work in hard wood. A supply has been ordered which will be sold to the students at actual cost. Most of the prob-

lems in wood turning are now being done in hard wood.

"Jesus and Politics."
At the midweek service of the Presbyterian church this evening the subject for discussion will be "Jesus and Politics," and judging from the interest manifest at the meeting last week an interesting discussion is promised all who attend. The meetings are open to the public, who are cordially invited to be present and to take part.—Chas. T. Hurd, Minister.

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